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its lower end, the base having a pair of horizontal support members in a V-shaped configuration extending substantially in opposite direction from the horizontal extension, the juncture of the support members secured to the lower end of the vertical extension, weights on the ends of each horizontal support member distal to the lower end of the vertical extension counterbalance the cylindrical assembly elevated over the stationary ball location.

Exhibit A attached hereto indicates how the original paragraph was amended to produce the re-written paragraph submitted herewith. Added terms are underlined and deleted terms are bracketed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 11 and amend claims 1, 7 and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A golf practice device for assisting in the development of a correct golf swing comprising: an elevated path guidance means for establishing a linear path limit under which the correct golf swing can arc while passing through a stationary ball location; and a support means for elevating the elevated path guidance means above the ground; wherein the path guidance means is a cylindrical assembly elevated substantially horizontally and disposed in aligned relation to a golf target, the cylindrical assembly having a first end reversibly engaged to the support means by a cradle interface wherein the cylindrical assembly may extend away from the golf target in a first engagement position or extend towards the golf target in a reversed engagement position, the cylindrical assembly adapted to disengage under impact with a swinging golf club from the cradle interface.

7. (Amended) The device of claim 6 wherein the base comprises a pair of horizontal support members in a V-shaped configuration extending substantially in opposite direction from the horizontal extension, the support members secured to the lower end of the vertical extension.

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10. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the support means comprises a plurality of disengagable members and an elastomeric assembly guide cord maintaining each of the disengagable members coincident to each other in taut relation during a state of disassembly.

13. (Amended) A golf practice device for assisting in the development of a correct golf swing comprising: an elevated path guidance means for establishing a linear path limit under which the correct golf swing can arc while passing through a stationary ball location; and a support means for elevating the elevated path guidance means above the ground; wherein the path guidance means is a cylindrical assembly constructed of low density polyethylene foam elevated substantially horizontally and disposed in aligned relation to a golf target, the cylindrical assembly having a first end reversibly engaged by mechanical interference fit to the support means by a cradle interface wherein the cylindrical assembly may extend away from the golf target in a first engagement position or extend towards the golf target in a reversed engagement position, the cylindrical assembly adapted to disengage under impact with a swinging golf club from the cradle interface, the support means further comprises a horizontal extension elevating the cradle interface in overhead relation to the stationary ball location on a first end and an L-joint on the second end, a vertical extension engaging the L-joint on its upper end and a base on its lower end, the base having a pair of horizontal support members in a V-shaped configuration extending substantially in opposite direction from the horizontal extension, the support members secured to the lower end of the vertical extension, weights on the ends of each horizontal support member distal to the lower end of the vertical extension counterbalance the cylindrical assembly elevated over the stationary ball location.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed October 29, 2002 and all references cited therein. The amendment appearing above and these explanatory remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Action. Accordingly, this important patent application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.